## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please delete the second instance of claim 3, on page 5 lines 25 to 28, without prejudice or disclaimer.

## Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A method of making a plastics stretch film comprising the steps of:
- a) taking a cast or blown film of plastic material;
- b) causing both plastic and elastic deformation of the film by stretching the film in two successive stretching steps, said first step having a stretch ratio higher than that of said second step to form a stretched film;
  - c) relaxing said stretched film substantially to release all of the elastic deformation to form a substantially relaxed film; and
    - d) winding said substantially relaxed film into a roll.
    - 7. (Amended) A method of making a plastics stretch film comprising the steps of:
    - a) taking a cast or blown film of plastic material;
  - b) causing both plastic and elastic deformation of the film by stretching the film in two successive stretching steps, said first step having a stretch ratio higher than that of said second step, wherein during said second step said film is traveling at a first speed; and
  - c) relaxing said stretched film by winding said film into a roll at a speed 0.85 times said first speed.

## Please add new claims as follows:

--14. A method of making a plastics stretch film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stretching of the film that occurs in said two successive steps has a stretch ratio in a range from 1:1.5 to 1:2.5 for each step.

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--15. A method of making a plastics stretch film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plastic material is LLDPE.

--16. A method of making a plastics stretch film as claimed in claim 7, wherein the plastic material is LLDPE.